

## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

### **Changes to U.S. Weather and Navigation Broadcasts via NAVTEX**

The U.S. Coast Guard, in coordination with the National Weather Service, is proposing to modify the broadcasting of Maritime Safety Information (MSI) via NAVTEX, as detailed below. This change is necessary in order to reduce the potential of delayed or missed broadcasts of MSI due to the large amount of information broadcast within the six daily broadcast slots for each NAVTEX station.

Currently, Meteorological Forecasts are broadcast four times per day and rebroadcast twice per day. Meteorological warnings are broadcast upon receipt and at the next routine scheduled time until canceled. Navigational Warnings are broadcast at the next available broadcast slot and rebroadcast in all subsequent slots as long as they remain in force.

Under the proposed change, Meteorological Forecasts would no longer be rebroadcast. These two time slots would be allocated to rebroadcasts of Navigational Warnings. The proposed elimination of previously broadcast Meteorological Forecasts and reduction in repeated Navigational Warnings will reduce the potential of delayed or missed broadcasts of MSI.

We invite mariners to comment on this proposed change by May 1, 2006. Please send comments to [rlevin@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:rlevin@comdt.uscg.mil) or telephone (202) 475-3555. Approved changes will be announced for at least 60 days prior to implementation.

### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO ATLANTIC OCEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND PUERTO RICO NAVTEX BROADCAST SCHEDULES**

Station	Identifier	WX Broadcast Schedule (UTC)
Boston	F	0045, 0445, 0845 <sup>1</sup> , 1245, 1645, 2045 <sup>1</sup>
Portsmouth	N	0130, 0530, 0930 <sup>1</sup> , 1330, 1730, 2130 <sup>1</sup>
Savannah	E	0040, 0440, 0840 <sup>1</sup> , 1240, 1640, 2040 <sup>1</sup>
Miami	A	0000, 0400, 0800 <sup>1</sup> , 1200, 1600, 2000 <sup>1</sup>
San Juan	R	0200 <sup>1</sup> , 0600, 1000, 1400 <sup>1</sup> , 1800, 2200
New Orleans	G	0300 <sup>1</sup> , 0700, 1100, 1500 <sup>1</sup> , 1900, 2300
<sup>1</sup> Repeated Navigational Warnings and no Weather normally broadcast at these times.		

### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO PACIFIC OCEAN, KODIAK ALASKA, HAWAII, AND GUAM NAVTEX BROADCAST SCHEDULES**

Station	Identifier	WX Broadcast Schedule (UTC)
Adak	X	(Broadcast terminated Dec '96)
Kodiak <sup>2</sup>	J	0300, 0700, 1100 <sup>1</sup> , 1500, 1900, 2300 <sup>1</sup>
	X	0340, 0740, 1140 <sup>1</sup> , 1540, 1940, 2340 <sup>1</sup>
Astoria	W	0130, 0530, 0930 <sup>1</sup> , 1330, 1730, 2130 <sup>1</sup>
San Francisco	C	0000, 0400 <sup>1</sup> , 0800, 1200, 1600 <sup>1</sup> , 2000
Cambria	Q	0045, 0445 <sup>1</sup> , 0845, 1245, 1645 <sup>1</sup> , 2045
Marianas	V	0100, 0500 <sup>1</sup> , 0900, 1300, 1700 <sup>1</sup> , 2100
Honolulu	O	0040, 0440, 0840 <sup>1</sup> , 1240, 1640, 2040 <sup>1</sup>
<sup>1</sup> Repeated Navigational Warnings and no Weather normally broadcast at these times.		
<sup>2</sup> Kodiak also broadcasts weather forecasts during time slots initially allocated to Adak.		